

MINUTES
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 24, 2000

Members Present: David Williams, Donald Evans, Helen Epps, Fred Stephenson, Annette Poulsen, Ben Jackson, Tom Brown, Dan DerVartanian, Ann Crowther

Guests: Gary Moore - Registrar, Shirley F. Childers - Associate Registrar, Rebecca McCarthy - Atlanta-Journal Constitution

David Williams, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes of the January 21, 2000 Educational Affairs Committee were approved.

Mr. Gary Moore presented two drafts of the 2001-2002 Academic Calendar. The drafts presented different options to be considered for Spring Break - one scheduling the break the week after the mid-point and the next scheduling the break after the 10th week of classes. The second draft would allow for possible alignment of the break with local school systems.

After discussion, the members voted unanimously to send both drafts forward to the Executive Committee for placement on the next University Council agenda and to let the Council members vote on the favorite choice.

Next, Ms. Shirley Childers, Associate Registrar asked the Committee to make a recommendation on eleven students who upon admission to the University had either one or both portions of the Regents' Exam satisfied in error. Several of these students are scheduled to graduate soon, and will not have the advantage of being able to take the test and if it is not passed, repeat it without being forced to register in remedial courses.

Professor Williams moved that the requirement be waived for the students included on Ms. Childers' list who are scheduled to graduate Spring, Summer, or Fall 2000. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2.

Dr. Crowther asked the members to appoint a subcommittee to review A Culture of Honesty. The revised policy has been in effect for approximately 8 months and those in charge of administering the policy are concerned that the goals of the policy - education about honesty and integrity - are not being met. David Williams, Dan DerVartanian, and Jessica Langston were appointed to the review team. It was also decided that this subcommittee will report its finding directly to Dr. Crowther with a report being made at the next Full Educational Affairs Committee meeting.

The members reviewed changes to the Educational Affairs Committee's operating procedures and voted unanimously to accept these changes.

The revisions/updates to the University's Academic Renewal Policy were discussed. These changes were passed by unanimous vote and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of University Council for information only.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.